IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 12 and 15 through 21 without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter and amend claim 13 by this amendment as follows:

1   Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

1   13. (Currently Amended) A method of initializing a printer attached to a host, comprising:

2   connecting said printer to said host;

3   applying power to both said host and said printer;

4   installing a printer driver into said host;

5   sending data from a memory space in said printer to said host;

6   determining whether said printer has an initial date stored in said memory of said printer;

7   and

8   typing in an initial start date by a user into said host when said initial date is absent from

9   said memory of said printer ~~The method of claim 7~~, said memory space comprising a first area and

10   a second area separate from the first area, the initial date being stored in the second area and an

11   indicator being stored in the first area that indicates whether or not an initial date has been stored

12   in the second area, said determining step examining the contents of the first area and not the

13   second area.

1   Claims 14-21 (Canceled)